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SUBJ: PL 480 TITLE I RICE TENDER

1. FOLLOWING TEXT OF TAFCO RICE TENDER HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY SARG (TAFCO) AND APPGOVED BY SHEGOGUE/WALLACE PER APRIL 22 TELECON WITH MEAD/USDA. TAFCO INTENDS ISSUE TENDER BY TELEX APRIL 24HFROM DAMASCUS.

2. ALTHOUGH TAFCO SENDING TENDER TO LIST OF MWJOR SUPPLIERS PROVIDED BY AGATT PITCHER, COPIES OF TENDER TEXT SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SYRIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, AND RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON.

3. SEPTTEL WITH REVISED TEXT OF WHEAT TENDER FOLLOWS.

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FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION FOR CHEMICALS AND FOODSTUFFS  
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GENTLEMEN

RICE ENQUIRY NO 161/SR/3211

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC INVITES BIDS  
FOR US RICE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH  
BELOW AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PL 480 TITLE I  
REGULATIONS AND PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION NO. 53/501:

QUANTITY:

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND METRIC TONS FIVE PER CENT MORE OR  
LESS OF MILLED RICE SEPARATED AS FOLLOWS: 10,000 M/T LONG  
GRAIN, 15,000 M/T MEDIUM GRAIN. SEPARATE PRICES MUST BE  
QUOTED FOR EACH CLASS. BUYER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE  
THE ENTIRE QUANTITY (UP TO 25,000 M/T) IN EITHER CLASS.  
RICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE FAS VESSEL AT US PORT (S) FROM  
10/5/75 TO 20/6/75.

SPECIFICATION:

GRADE US NO. 2 MILLED RICE, CURRENT CROP. RICE  
MUST BE WELL MILLED AND CONTAIN NO MORE THAN FIVE PER CENT  
BROKEN KERNELS, PACKED IN NEW JUTE OR WOVEN POLYPROPYLENE OR  
WOVEN POLYETHYLENE BAGS.

PACKING:

WOVEN POLYPROPYLENE OR WOVEN POLYETHYLENE OR NEW JUTE  
BAGS SELLER'S OPTION, CONTAINING 100 LBS, NET OF RICE PER  
BAG. HBAGS SHALL BE MARKED WITH SELLER'S BRAND MARKING.  
SPECIFICATIONS FOR WOVEN POLYPROPYLENE OR WOVEN POLYETHYLENE  
BAGS ARE ATTACHED TO PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION NO. 53-501.

QUOTATION:

OFFERS MUST BE QUOTED IN US DOLLARS PER METRIC TON  
(1000 KGS) NET WEIGHT FAS VESSEL, SEPARATELY FOR EACH  
LOADING RANGE. WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF REGISTRA-  
TION OF SALE, SUPPLIER SHALL NOTIFY "TAFCO" BY CABLE OF THE  
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SPECIFIC PORT(S) OF LOADING AND QUANTITIES FOR EACH PORT IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE SALES CONTRACT. SELLER MUST MAKE RICE  
AVAILABLE AT NOT MORE THAN TWO SAFE BERTHS PER PORT OF SHIP-  
MENT PER VESSEL. THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE SHOULD BE QUOTED  
AS NO NEGOTIATIONS SHALL BE HELD ON PRICE OR ANY OF THE TERMS  
AND CONDITIONS IN THE OFFER. OFFERS MUST PROVIDE FOR A FIVE  
PER CENT (5 PER CENT) PLUS OR MINUS TOLERANCE AT BUYER'S  
OPTION.

EMPTY BAGS:O

SELLER MUST INCLUDE WITH EACH SHIPMENT SUFFICIENT QUANTITY OF EMPTY BAGS TO COVER TWO PER CENT (2 PERCENT) BREAKAGE IN TRANSIT. EMPTY BAGS MUST BE OF SAME SIZE, KIND AND QUALITY AS BAGS TO PACK RICE IN THE SHIPMENT. COST OF EMPTY BAGS IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE QUOTED FOR RICE. EMPTY BAGS MUST BE DELIVERED FAS VESSEL AT SAME TIME AND PLACE WITH RICE.

DELIVERY:

- A. MUST BE EFFECTED BETWEEN 10/5/75 AND 20/6/75.
- B. DELIVERY TO BE EFFECTED AT BUYER'S CALL DURING SHIPPING PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT.
- C. BUYER MUST GIVE SELLER TEN DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE OF VESSEL LAYDAYS AND ETA AT LOADING PORT.
- D. COST INCURRED FOR VZSSEL'S TIME LOST AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES DUE TO FAILURE OF SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE RICE FOR VESSEL TO LOAD AT LEAST 1000 M/T PER WORKING DAY, BUT NOT LESS THANVESSEL DAILY CALL, WILL BE FOR ACCOUNT OF SUPPLIER.
- E. VESSEL'S PORT OF ROTATION WILL BE AT OPTION OF BUYER

DESTINATION:

PORT OF LATTAKIA OR ARTOUS.

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A.HQUALITY OF RICE TO BE SHIPPED SHALL STRICTLY CONFORM TO SPECIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT AND UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR MILLED RICE. ALL COSTS INCURRED FOR QUALITY INSPECTION ARE FOR ACCOUNT OF SELLER.

B. ALL EXPENSES OF INSPECTION AND ANALYSIS TO BE BORNE BY SELLER. INSPECTION AND WEIGHT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF PA 53-501 AND TITLE I PL 480 REGULATIONS.

CONTRACTS:

CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS INVITATION MUST INCLUDE BY REFERENCE ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS INVITATION, THE PROVISIONS OF PA 53-501,HAND TITLE I PL 480

REGULATIONS.

PAYMENT:

IN US DOLLARS BY IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT OPENED  
THROUGH DESIGNATED LETTER-OF-COMMITMENT BANK IN UNITED  
STATES IN FAVOR OF SELLER, PAYABLE AGAINST DOCUMENTS REQUIRED  
BY PA 53-501 AND TITLE I PL 480 REGULATIONS, AND AGAINST  
FOLLOWING SHIPPING DOCUMENTS:

1. COMMERCIAL INVOICE IN TWELVE (12) COPIES, OF  
WHICH ONE ORIGINAL TO BE CERTIFIED BY CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY.
  2. CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN IN THREE (3) COPIES, OF  
WHICH ONE CERTIFIZD BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR OTHER  
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY.
  3. FULL SET (FOUR) BILL OF LADING CLEAN ON BOARD,  
NOTIFY TAFCO AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA NO. 3, DAMASCUS.
  4. INSPECTION CERTIFICATE (WEIGHT, QUALITY) AT  
LOADING PORT IN SEVEN (7) COPIES STATING THAT SPECIFICATIONS  
OF GOODS ARE ACCORDING TO CONTRACT.
  5. ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE IN SEVEN (7) COPIES.
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6. PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY AUTHORIZED  
SOURCES.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

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AT TIME OF DELIVERY SELLER SHALL PREPARE AND FORWARD, VIA  
REGISTERED AIR MAIL, COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- A. FOUR (4) COPIES OF SUPPLIER'S SIGNED COMMERCIAL  
INVOICE.
- B. FOUR (4) COPIES OF COMMODITY EXAMINATION REPORT,  
FORM GR-116.
- C. FOUR (4) COPIES OF USDA INSPECTION CERTIFICATE,  
SUPPLIER'S CERTIFICATE, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS COVERING ORIGINAL  
ADVISES, TO OUR ADDRESS.

BID BOND:

BIDDER'S OFFER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BID BOND IN THE  
FORM OF OUR IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT ISSUED BY A FIRST-  
CLASS US BANK AND THROUGH COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA NO. 3  
IN FAVOR OF TAFCO EQUIVALENT TO TWO PER CENT (2 PER CENT)  
OF THE FAS VALUE OF RICE OFFERED, TO BE COLLECTABLE  
BY DRAFTS AT SIGHT. BID BOND SHALL GUARANTEE THAT BIDDER WILL  
NOT WITHDRAW HIS BID WITHIN THE PERIOD SPECIFIED THEREIN AFTER  
OPENING OF BIDS, OR IF NO PERIOD IS SPECIFIED, WITHIN  
TWELVE (12) DAYS AFTER SAID OPENING.

BID BONDS OF UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY  
CANCELLED BY TAFCO WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER AWARD DATE.

BID BONDS OF AWARDED SUPPLIERS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY  
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CANCELLED AFTER SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED PERFORMANCE BONDS.

PERFORMANCE BOND:

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS SHALL WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS  
AFTER OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS SUBMIT TO TAFCO A  
PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO FIVE PERCENT (5  
PER CENT) OF THE FAS VALUE OF AWARDED RICE, ISSUED BY A  
FIRST-CLASS US BANK AND THROUGH COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA  
NO. 3, DAMASCUS. P/B SHALL BE IN FORM OF AN IRREVOCABLE  
LETTER OF CREDIT IN FAVOR OF TAFCO AND EXCEPT IN CASE OF

FORCE MAJEUR TO BE COLLECTABLE BY DRAFTS AT SIGHT ACCOMPANIED BY A STATEMENT THAT SELLER DID NOT MAKE SHIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS. PERFORMANCE BOND MUST BE VALID FOR AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER DATE OF COMPLETION OF DELIVERY FAS VESSEL. ANY DEMURRAGE OR DETENTION CHARGES INCURRED DUE TO SUPPLIER'S FAILURE TO DELIVER RICE IN TIME AS CONTRACTED CAN BE DEDUCTED FROM THE PERFORMANCE BOND.

DISPUTES:

SHOULD A DISPUTE ARISE BETWEEN SELLERS AND BUYERS, AND IF BOTH PARTIES FAIL TO SETTLE IT AMICABLY, THE DISPUTE SHALL BE SETTLED UNDER THE LAWS OF SYRIA AND IN THE COURTS OF THAT JURISDICTION.

PENALTY:

IN CASE OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE DELIVERY DATE, SELLER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING PENALTIES PER DAY OR IN PROPORTION FOR ANY PART OF DAY:

- A. US DOLLARS 750 FOR FOUR DAYS DELAY,
- B. US DOLLARS 500 FOR FOLLOWING THREE DAYS,
- C. US DOLLARS 1000 FOR DELAY EXCEEDING ABOVE SEVEN (7) DAYS.

SAID PENALTIES SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM COVERING PERFORMANCE BOND UPON BUYER'S FIRST REQUEST.

AWARD:

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TAFCO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS OR TO ACCEPT LESS THAN QUANTITY OFFERED AT PRICE OFFERED. ANY QUALIFICATION OR CONDITION ADDED TO BID BY BIDDER WILL MAKE SUCH OFFER INELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER INVITATION FOR BID.

AWARDS WILL BE MADE WITH RESPECT TO OFFERS RESPONSIVE TO TENDER STRICTLY ON BASIS OF LOWEST FAS PRICE, WITHIN EACH CLASS. THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT PRECLUDE IMPORTER FROM ACCEPTING OFFERS ON BASIS OF SHIPMENT FROM PORT(S) WHICH RESULT IN LOWEST TOTAL LANDED COST OF COMMODITY.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF AWARD(S) BY TELEGRAM.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

A. SHOULD DELIVERY OF RICE OR ANY PART THEREOF BY SUPPLIER, OR ACCEPTANCE OF RICE, OR ANY PART THEREOF, BY BUYER, FAS VESSEL, BE PREVENTED OR DELAYED BY REASON OF RIOTS, STRIKES, LOCKOUTS, EMBARGOES, ACTS OF GOD, INTERRUPTION OR STOPPAGE OF THE NORMAL COURSE OF LABOR OR TRANSPORTATION AT PORT(S) OF DELIVERY OR ELSEWHERE PREVENTING FORWARDING OF RICE TO SUCH PORT OR PORTS OR SHIPMENT FROM SUCH PORT OR PORTS, OR BY REASON OF ACTION OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR AUTHORITY, SELLER SHALL BE ENTITLED AT TERMINATION OF CAUSE OR CAUSES OF PREVENTION AND/OR DELAY ON RESUMPTION OF WORK AFTER TERMINATION OF STRIKE, RIOTS, LOCKOUTS, WHICHEVER OCCURS LATER, TO AS MUCH TIME AS REMAINED FOR DELIVERY AT COMMENCEMENT OF SUCH CAUSE OR CAUSES BUT NOT LESS THAN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AND BUYER'S TIME TO CALL FOR DELIVERY SHALL BE SIMILARLY EXTENDED, PROVIDED THAT EITHER PARTY SHALL HAVE NOTIFIED THE OTHER WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS OF COMMENCEMENT OF CAUSE OR CAUSES OF PREVENTION AND/OR DELAY, IF SUCH COMMENCEMENT OCCURS WITHIN THE CONTRACTED DELIVERY PERIOD THAT CAUSE OR CAUSES THEN EXISTED.

BUYER SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING CHARGES OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER WHATSOEVER IN EVENT DELIVERY IS PREVENTED AS HEREIN SET FORTH, AND BUYER AGREES TO ACT PROMPTLY TO  
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ACCEPT RICE AS SOON AS IT CAN REASONABLY DO SO UPON TERMINATION OF CAUSE WHICH PREVENTED DELIVERY AND SELLER AGREES TO MAKE SUCH DELIVERY WHEN CALLED UPON TO DO SO BY BUYER.

IN CASE THERE SHOULD BE ANY IMPOSSIBILITY OF SHIPPING OR LOADING GOODS, CONTRACTUAL PARTY SHALL SUBMIT DOCUMENTS PROVING SO.

B. ANY EXPENSES IN PLACING RICE ON AN FAS VESSEL POSITION WILL BE FOR ACCOUNT OF SELLER, INCLUDING WHARFAGE AND HANDLING, IF ANY.

C. BUYERS RESERVE ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY BID OR PART THEREOF SUBMITTED HEREUNDER FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITING FOREGOING, RELIABILITY OR INTEGRITY OF SUPPLIER.

BIDS:

TELEGRAPHIC BIDS MUST CONTAIN ESSENTIAL DETAILS OF BID, SUCH AS PRICE, COMMODITY DESCRIPTION, QUANTITY, DELIVERY PERIOD, COASTAL RANGE OF LOADING PORTS, AND OTHER ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FACTORS. TELEGRAPHIC BID MUST STATE THAT A FORMALLY WRITTEN BID AND ATTACHED DOCUMENTS ARE BEING AIR MAILED ON SAME DAY.

ALL BIDS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO FOREIGN TRADE ORGANI-  
ZATION FOR CHEMICALS AND FOODSTUFFS, JOUMHOURIA STREET,  
DAMASCUS, SAR, PO BOX 893 (TAFCO).

TELEGRAPHIC OR TELEX OFFERS SHOULD BE RECEIVED TUESDAY,  
APRIL 29, UNTIL 0700 DAMASCUS LOCAL TIME WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30,  
1975. OFFERS TO BE VALID UNTIL 1400 THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1975.  
AWARDS SHALL BE SENT TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS BY TELEGRAM NOT  
LATER THAN 1400 HOURS MAY 1, 1975.

NOTICE:

OUR PREVIOUS TENDER IS CANCELLED AND REPLACED BY  
THE PRESENT ORDER.

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